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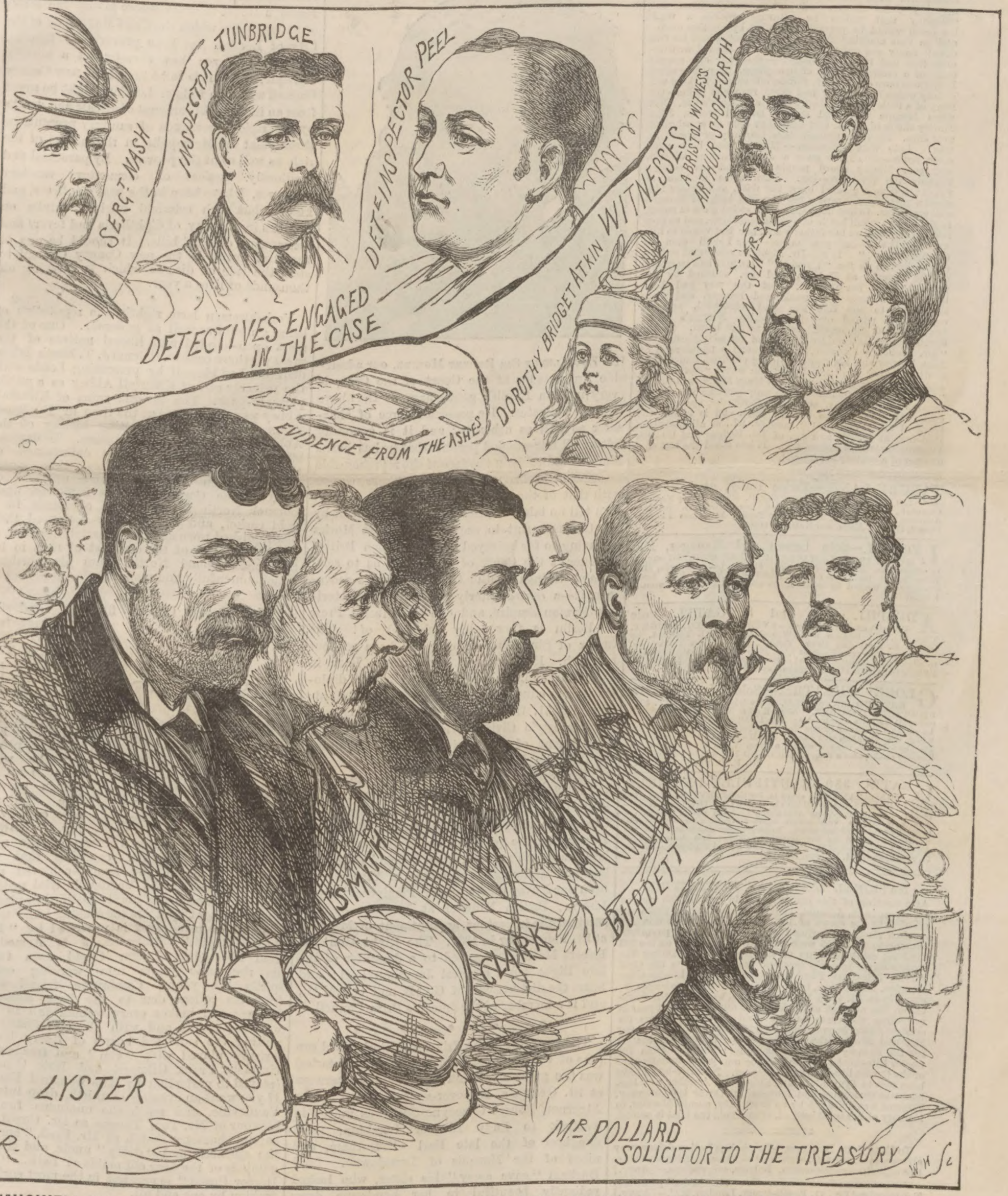

MUSWELL-HILL BURGLARY: POLICE DETECTIVES AND THE ACCUSED THEY SMARTLY ARRESTED.

SAVED BY AN ANGEL.

IT is seldom that one meets in real life with a story so full of pathos as that of the beautiful little girl who was killed the other day on a level crossing.

There probably never was a happier child than Maggie Morley on that fine June day when her father was promoted to the lofty signal-box at Halston with full twenty-two shillings wages; for Maggie, though barely nine years old, was her father's housekeeper since her mother's death, and she knew what it cost to keep her little brothers and sisters in boots and shoes. But when autumn brought wet and stormy days, the signal-box—the windows of which used to glitter so warmly in the summer sun—became damp and draughty, and Maggie, who had to sit up at night to mend the clothes of the family, heard with anguish the groans of pain which broke her father's rest. At last a day came when John Morley, unable to work the heavy levers of the station, took to his bed stricken with rheumatism. For many weary days little Maggie made heroic struggles to keep the home going, but one morning, when the last farthing of the little sum collected among themselves by Morley's mates was spent, the hungry wolf stood on the threshold, and at the bedside of the helpless father five little voices were crying for bread! That morning John Morley received a notice from the Company that unless he returned within a week his berth would be permanently filled by another man—and on that morning Maggie had not tasted food for two days! Sadly she put the cruel letter in the old writing-desk that had been her mother's—then her eye caught sight of a crumpled piece of newspaper. Her little silver locket was once wrapt in it, and on one side of it there was a story which her mother had often read out to her—the story of a little girl who had saved her father's life. But when Maggie whispered loving, hopeful words, John Morley shook his head, and said that only an angel could save him. He little thought how fearfully prophetic he was! Late that afternoon—Maggie had been gone some hours—an engine gave a shrill warning whistle, and poor Morley heard people run past his cottage towards the level crossing. Then came a hum of voices; someone pushed open the door, and before him stood a platelayer, bearing the bleeding body of Maggie, still conscious. In one hand she held a soiled piece of paper, in the other a small bottle of a patent medicine, and as they laid her tenderly on her father's bed, her last words to him were:—"It will—cure you—father— for I shall—soon—be an angel—now!" It was Dr. Richter's celebrated embrocation, known as the "Expeller." Maggie had begged it of the chemist at Halston, and he, touched by her tears, had let her have it. But the way had been long, and Maggie was weak and hungry, and when she came to the line she had stumbled, and an engine had passed over her ankles. Maggie's father has recovered his health and saved his berth. In the signal-box at Halston, by the side of an advertisement of "Dr. Richter's Expeller," there hangs a photograph of John Morley and his five remaining children, and underneath a loving hand has traced the words "Saved by an Angel." It is the humble record of Mary Morley's devotion. "Dr. Richter's Expeller" is the only genuine remedy for rheumatism and gout, neuralgia, toothache, sprains, and colds. It always saves doctors' bills, and is within the reach of all. Price 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., of all Chemists. Post-free at 1s. 3d. and 3s., of Dr. Richter and Co., 65, Fenchurch-street, London, E.C. It has stood the test of a quarter of a century.—[ADVT.]

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The Penny Illustrated Paper.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1889.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ROBERT MORIER, our admirable Ambassador at the Court of the Czar, is every inch an English gentleman, as the above Portrait indicates. He possesses force of character as well as urbanity; and it is generally felt by all fair-minded persons that he has borne himself creditably in the face of the reprehensible association of his name by the *Cologne Gazette* with that of the late General Bazaine. "Dead men tell no tales." Hence it was thought fit by this German print to accuse Sir Robert Morier of having so far betrayed his trust when British Minister at the Court of Darmstadt as to send Bazaine tidings of the German Army's movements!—a *canard* utterly unworthy the victorious German Empire, and one the Liberal Press of Berlin is thoroughly ashamed of! The career of Sir Robert Morier has been without reproach. His record is honourable. Born in 1826, this eminent and highly-esteemed diplomatist was educated at Balliol College, Oxford; and in 1851, the Great Exhibition year, entered her Majesty's Civil Service in the Education Department of the Privy Council. Joining in 1853 the Foreign Office, he was attached to the Special Mission to Naples in 1859; and in 1860 he had the honour, with the late Earl Russell, to accompany the Queen and the Prince Consort on their visit to Germany. Sir Robert Morier had the privilege to be a friend of the late Emperor Frederick when Crown Prince. He has had diplomatic experience in Vienna; has been our Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary at Lisbon; British Minister at Madrid; and he received the important appointment of Minister at St. Petersburg in 1884. The Right Hon. Sir Robert Morier is married to a daughter of the late Right Hon. General Jonathan Peel; and bears the distinctions of G.C.B. and G.C.M.G., and is a member of the Queen's Privy Council.

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The marriage of the Prime Minister's third son (one of the noble Marquis's private secretaries) was the great attraction last Tuesday afternoon at St. George's, Hanover-square. Lord Edgar Algernon Robert Gascoyne-Cecil was united in wedlock to Lady Eleanor Lambton, third daughter of the late Earl of Durham, and niece of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Lord Durham "gave away" his sister, who looked radiantly beautiful in her handsome dress of white Vandyke satin, trimmed with silver, and tulle veil, fastened with diamond stars and sprays of orange-flowers. One would have thought some members of the Royal family would have assuredly have been present at this notable wedding of a son of the Premier. There was, without them, a large and brilliant aristocratic assemblage; and diamonds appear to have abounded among the plentiful store of wedding presents, which I trust will be safeguarded from the daring burglars of the period.

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Sanitation! The Lord Mayor evidently believes thoroughly in the urgent necessity of a sweeping measure of sanitary reform in London. His Lordship has begun well by putting the Mansion House in order before giving the series of banquets for which the Chief Magistrate of the City of London has been proverbially famous. The Lord Mayor has thereby set a healthy example, which it is to be hoped the new County Council will soon follow. London might be saved from an incalculable amount of disease and deaths by the rigid observance of sanitary precautions throughout the Metropolis, in the homes of the rich as well as of the poorest. By parochial and landlordly neglect of elementary sanitary measures, I have been in the past a sufferer, and know what such criminal neglect entails on families in the way of diphtheria and fevers and consequent doctors' bills. It should be one of the first duties of the new County Council to stem the tide of disease which is carrying off thousands of lives a year.

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Yorkshiremen have rightly the reputation of being grateful as well as generous. One of the most open-handed and liberal natives of the great northern county, Colonel J. T. North lately distinguished himself by presenting Leeds with the princely gift of Kirkstall Abbey as a public pleasure-park. The historic ruins of Kirkstall Abbey were delineated at the time in *The Penny Illustrated*, and the interesting history of the Abbey was traced in these columns. To demonstrate the high sense they entertained of the unquestionable value of this grand present, which cost the donor upwards of £10,000, the Corporation has bestowed upon Colonel North the Freedom of Leeds in a gold casket, and have further honoured their distinguished townsman by entertaining him at a banquet. One of the simplest of men in his manners, Colonel North bears his blushing honours manfully and modestly.

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"That Doctor Cupid" fills the Vaudeville with laughter; and the heart of merry Tom Thorne rejoices. He has never appeared gayer. No wonder! It's surprising how blithe people can be when they reap a golden harvest. The fantastic new comedy of Mr. Robert Buchanan—succeeding a brace of the same author's Old English comedies that will bear revival again and again—achieved such instant success at the Vaudeville trial matinée that Mr. Thorne was amply justified in placing "That Doctor Cupid" in the evening bill. Quite a round of merriment is provoked by "That Doctor Cupid." Released, *à la* Asmodeus, from his bottle, Doctor Cupid soon twists his rheumatic joints into working order; spirits his young Cambridge friend away from his college den to the Bath Assembly Rooms; and makes every woman fall in love with his charge and with himself; finally reuniting the sundered hearts of Harry Racket (crisply played with "vim" and freedom by vivacious Frank Gilmore) and Kate Constant (played to perfection by Miss Winifred Emery). If you want an evening of mirth, drop into the Vaudeville, and relish the unctuous fun and humour of Mr. Tom Thorne as Dr. Cupid, the capital character-sketch of Mr. Fred. Thorne as the splenetic and "dotty" uncle, and the gay gambols of the dear old maids at Bath. "That Doctor Cupid" is enacted in the most sprightly fashion by one and all.

A naval item! Mr. William A. Findlay, M.A., whose Compound Shell Torpedo was recently described in the columns of the *P.I.P.*, has submitted his invention to the Admiralty and solicited their aid and patronage in realising the same. Mr. Findlay, it is understood, is not desirous of reaping any money advantage from the adoption of his idea in the service; but only promotes his Torpedo Shell with the object of ultimately superseding the Whitehead torpedo, and thereby increasing the attacking power of her Majesty's fleet.

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"Chairman of the London County Council!" A probable coming event cast its shadow (or light) before it at Scarborough on Tuesday night, when the Earl of Rosebery was cheeringly greeted by this title by an enthusiastic crowd. The first act of the new Council when it meets in the old office of the Metropolitan Board of Works, on Jan. 31, will be to elect a provisional Chairman; and the Council would certainly honour itself by choosing a Statesman of Lord Rosebery's commanding abilities. With respect to the Nineteen Aldermen the Council will have the privilege of electing, I trust public-spirited men of the type of Mr. Dobbs, the New River crusader, will not be forgotten.

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The heartiest fraternity between us and the United States has ever been warmly advocated in this journal. It was, accordingly, with especial pleasure that one noted the gift by the Marchioness of Salisbury and the Countess of Rosebery, kind-hearted English noblewomen both, of a beautiful gold and diamond bracelet as a farewell souvenir to Mrs. Phelps, the gracious wife of the American Minister.

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Patti's farewell concert quite filled the Albert Hall on Tuesday night.

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Govan-ment did not exactly mete out to Sir John Pender the reward the Glasgow *Bailie* predicted. "Never prophesy—onless ye know," in future, *Bailie!* Mr. Wilson's defeat of Sir John Pender by the large majority of 1071 at Govan should remind the Government and the Dissentient Liberals alike that with their "goose-step" attitude towards Ireland the popular voice has no sympathy. Let them produce their alternative plan to Mr. Gladstone's! At the same time, I own to a wish that Sir John Pender should gain a seat in Parliament, for he is one of the great men of our time, and he has unquestionably done noble work for the Empire's welfare in knitting together Great Britain, India, South Africa, and Australasia by means of the ocean cables of the Eastern Telegraph Company. The Prime Minister must know and value the services Sir John Pender rendered at a critical juncture by sending the Eastern Telegraph Company's ships to Souakim to flash the electric light on the enemy's lines.

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That Mr. Henry Irving, the honoured head of the dramatic profession, may have recovered from his severe cold, and reappeared as Macbeth ere these lines are read, must be the earnest hope of all who admire the commanding artistic ability of England's great Actor-Manager.

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The seasonable articles on "Little Landlords", in the *Sunday Times* are appropriately written by Mr. Athol Mayhew, seeing that he is the son of the late author of "London Labour and London Poor," the precursor of Mr. G. R. Sims's "How the Poor Live."

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Lady Randolph Churchill and Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft evidently enjoyed as much as I did the signally fine acting of Miss Kate Rorke, Miss Gertrude Kingston, and Mr. Forbes Robertson in Mrs. Oscar Beringer's new and engrossing emotional play of "Tares" at the Opera Comique, Monday night.

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It is singular the keen *Hawk* should have given currency to the statement that with the forthcoming London daily of the *New York Herald* would be incorporated the *People* newspaper. It is one of the most remarkable facts in the journalistic world that in a surprisingly short time enterprising management and skilful editorship have made the *People* one of the most popular weekly penny papers in the world, with a sale of over a quarter a million. As was pictorially shown in our New Year's Number, this extraordinary success caused the plucky proprietors, Major Armstrong and Mr. William Thomas Madge, to remove from their Strand premises to the palatial new offices made especially for the *People* at the transformed Temple Club, and there the *People* will continue to flourish, and to pour a golden harvest into the pockets of its energetic owners. It is simply the old Strand offices of the *People* that the *New York Herald* has leased for the new London daily (which is doubtless fluttering the dovecotes of existing London journals).

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

The Queen.

THE Queen and her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice drove out at Osborne last Saturday afternoon, attended by the Dowager Lady Waterpark. Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the ladies and gentlemen in waiting, attended Divine service at Whippingham Church on Sunday morning. The Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, the Rev. Canon Prothero, and the Rev. Orton Jones officiated. The Dean of Windsor preached the sermon.

The Court will move from Osborne to Windsor on Feb. 15. On the 25th the Queen will arrive at Buckingham Palace, returning to Windsor two days later. The arrangements for the Queen's visit to the Continent have now been practically concluded. Her Majesty, with Princess Beatrice and suite, will leave Windsor on March 4 for Biarritz, travelling viâ Portsmouth and Cherbourg. The visit will not extend much over four weeks.

We are authorised to state that her Majesty will hold a Drawingroom at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Lady Suffield, Major-General Sir C. Teesdale, and Sir F. Knollys, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon from Sandringham.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and suite visited the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening, to witness the performance of "Macbeth."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by General Teesdale and Lady Emily Kingscote, left Marlborough House on Tuesday morning, at half-past eleven, for Yorkshire, where they are the guests of the Earl and Countess of Zetland, at Aske Hall. They return to London on Friday morning.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Middlesbrough on Wednesday, and opened the new Townhall, which had been built at a cost of £120,000.

Her Imperial Majesty and Princesses Victoria, Sophie, and Margaret of Prussia, and suite, left Victoria Station on Wednesday, to rejoin the Queen at Osborne.

Prince Albert Victor left Sandringham on Monday, and proceeded to the North to rejoin his regiment (the 10th Royal Hussars) at York.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK AT THE GERMAN HOSPITAL.

On Monday afternoon her Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, accompanied by his Excellency Count Hatzfeldt, and attended by Countess Perponcher, Count Seckendorf, General Du Plat, and Herr Von Heinze, paid a visit to the German Hospital, Dalston. The Royal visitor was received and conducted over the building by Baron Von Schroeder, the treasurer.

Her Imperial Majesty went over all the wards, spoke to every one of the patients, inquired minutely into the state of their health, and had a kind and encouraging word for all. The Empress also inspected the adjacent church, with which the hospital is connected by a corridor, and on leaving the institution expressed herself highly satisfied with all the arrangements and with the manner in which the charity is conducted. Her Majesty graciously promised to present the hospital with a portrait of his late Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick.

MR. HENRY IRVING.

MR. IRVING, unfortunately, was not well enough to reappear at the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening, and his place was therefore again filled by Mr. Hermann Vezin. The following bulletin was issued on Sunday by his medical advisers: "Mr. Henry Irving, who has been suffering from an attack of severe congestion of the larynx, is much better; but we think it desirable that he should have complete rest for a few days longer. (Signed) MORELL MACKENZIE, GEORGE STOKER.—Jan. 20, 1889."

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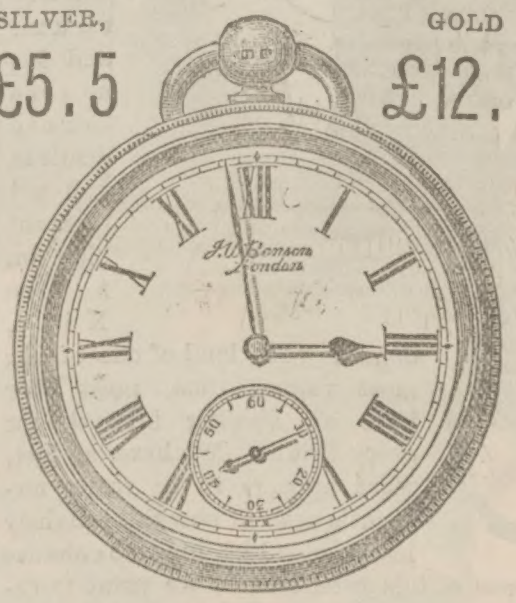

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GORDON'S DEATH.

THE heroic stand General Gordon made at Khartoum, and his no less heroic death in that distant city on the Nile, depriving England of one of her most valiant sons, must ever have an abiding interest for every Briton. We have, at last, what appears to be really authentic news of how this knightly leader ended his life. To enhance the interest of this intelligence, we print faithful Engravings of two statues of General Gordon, speaking likenesses both, erected in the heart of London and in Aberdeen. The commanding bronze statue in the centre of Trafalgar-square, by Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, R.A., represents Charles George Gordon in a favourite attitude of his. Quite similar in features, it will be recognised, is the bronze statue of General Gordon by the late Mr. Stuart Burnett, which stands in front of Robert Gordon's College at Aberdeen. As great a friend to the poor children of London as he was to the enslaved Soudanese, General Gordon has a more appropriate memorial still in the Gordon Boys' Home, which is training up the waifs and strays of town to be loyal and healthy soldiers. It is the

STORY OF THE GREEK, DEMETRIO GEORGIO SAPORIA,

who recently arrived at Souakim from Khartoum, that recounts the sad history of Gordon's end:—"It was a dire, a dreadful night; I shall remember it to my dying day. The air echoed with horrible shrieks, yells, lamentations, and wailings, and smelt of blood!" Towards daybreak, Georgio went to Gordon's house to try and induce him to escape:—

"Fly while there is yet time. Go in at the little door and take the boat," he said. "Shall I fly and leave my post?" Gordon replied indignantly; "that would indeed be a disgrace. I shall not fly."

Gordon then went into an inner room, and, having donned his full uniform and sword, came forth, grandly drawing himself up to his full height.

On his visage was a look of scorn. "Whom seek ye?" he asked, gazing on the sea of fierce, angry faces of the dervishes he saw below, and hearing the clamour of their angry voices. "Gordon Pasha," they cried aloud. "You want him, do you?" he replied; "I am he; come up hither." Again Georgio Demetrio Saporia and the Greek Consul urged him to fly; but he spurned their advice, crying "Shame! would you have me abandon my post ignominiously?"

Then came up some of the Mahdi's generals—one Nasr, brother of Abou Girgeh, another nephew of Abd-el-Rahmad-el-Nedjmi-Jumi. The dervishes allowed them to pass, seeing they were men in authority. They ascended the stairs, and asked for the Pasha. Gordon met them, saying,

"I am Gordon Pasha."

He then handed them his sword in military fashion, intimating that he knew they had taken the place, and that he surrendered, according to the usages of war. But Nasr snatched hold of his sword; at the same time in a brutal and most cowardly manner he struck Gordon an unexpected blow. The Pasha would, of course, have fought desperately to the last, had he not thought he would have been treated in an honourable manner. He fell and rolled down the stairs, and as he rolled another General speared him in the left side—it was a grievous wound.

A terrible scene ensued, Saporia says. Over it there is no need to dwell. The head of Gordon was subsequently borne to the Mahdi, and the body of the murdered hero cast, none knows where. There is not one word of truth, he declares, in the reports that a tomb of any kind has been raised to Gordon. A true British hero to the last, General Gordon fell, as he lived, valiantly. It is to be hoped his sad fate will quicken British Governments in the future to set about doing their obvious duty with that promptitude and thoroughness which are essential to success. Besides, as the Souakim correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* stated in his letter of the 3rd inst., "The political hand-to-mouth policy which has been pursued in England in dealing with Egyptian and African affairs aggravates and prolongs the misfortunes of the Soudanese."

GENERAL GORDON'S STATUE IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.

A FATAL BULL-FIGHT.

THE Drawing we print by Mr. R. Caton Woodville—fruit of his recent trip to Spain—recalls a terrible scene witnessed lately at a bull-fight in Cordova. The bull, a lithe, powerful animal of the Estremadura breed, on being turned into the arena, charged the torero Martinez, one of the distinguished men of his profession, and wounded him severely in the neck. His companion went immediately to his assistance; but he, too, was attacked and wounded in the left breast. The animal next rushed at a mounted picador, whose horse he killed. Its rider, violently dismounted, was picked up unconscious, with a fractured skull. An indescribable panic ensued, and for a time the bull was left victorious in the ring. To restore confidence among the audience, the espada Guerrita, who happened to be present, entered the circus, and, amid general applause, managed to give the deathblow to the infuriated animal. Martinez died the same evening of his wound, and the Spanish newspapers extolled his exploit!

MR. R. CATON WOODVILLE

gives an animated description of the bull-fight he depicts in the Spanish town of La Linea, near Gibraltar. After mentioning the procession and the entrance of the bull, Mr. Woodville is severe on the

ILL-TREATMENT OF THE HORSES.

The men behind thrashed them and drove them on to meet the bull's repeated charges; and it is no exaggeration to say that the wretched brutes were goaded into tottering towards the charging bull, stumbling over their own entrails, as long as they could stand on their feet. The sight was a sickening and disgusting one, and yet well-dressed women gloated over and applauded it, and if at least four or five horses were not supplied for each bull to gore to death, joined with shrill screams in the cry of "Caballo! Caballo!" for more victims to be driven up to the bull. There is no sport in it; the head of the picador's spear is only about an inch long, and is merely intended to enrage the bull, a circular stop being placed near the point to prevent it entering too far. When a sufficient number of horses have been killed, the picadors make their bow and withdraw.

THE CHULOS

further enrage the bull by waving a red flag in front of him, and eluding him when he charges. Time after time the bull rushes at the red flag, to find nothing but an impalpable foe; but, some time ago, an English bull from Gibraltar was brought into the ring and teased by the chulos. The first time he charged at the red flag; but when the chulo tried to deceive him again, he disregarded the flag and charged the man. This was not playing fair according to Spanish notions, and so the chulo declined to have anything to do with a bull which was so intelligent as to butt at a man and not to go blindly for the red flag. Before the matador entered, the banderilleros played all sorts of

GENERAL GORDON'S STATUE IN ABERDEEN.

A SPANISH BULL-FIGHT.—[From a Drawing by R. Caton Woodville.]

tricks with the bull to irritate him. One man took a banderilla in each hand and faced the bull as he charged. Just as it seemed as if he must be knocked over, the banderillero deftly stuck his weapons one into each of the bull's shoulders, and the animal, on feeling the prick, instantly stopped dead, leaving the daring man unmoved and unhurt. Then, at last, when the bull had been sufficiently tormented,

THE MATADOR

entered the ring, sword in hand. The matador is the most important personage in the bull-ring, and is the admired of all beholders. A celebrated matador is paid as much as £300 a day for his performance, and always has to be in strict training, though he looks rather fleshy to an English eye. He enters the ring alone, armed only with his Toledo blade, and with a red flag, about a yard square, over his arm. The matador begins as a chulo, and, after proving himself an expert toreador, is promoted to the post of bull-slayer. Though bull-fighting is looked upon as a very low caste trade, yet a successful matador becomes a huge favourite with all classes, and is generally known by some endearing nickname, from the place of his birth or from a personal peculiarity. The most celebrated matadors of Spain were Joseph Delgado and Francisco Montes.

THE MATADOR WAS ARMED

with a very sharp sword about three feet long, and carried a red cloak, with which he engaged the bull. When the animal charged into his cloak, he plunged some ten inches of his blade into its shoulder. As the bull, maddened by the pain, dashed furiously round the ring, we could see the long keen sword gradually sinking by its own weight into the flesh, but before it touched the heart one of the chulos twisted his cloak round the hilt and jerked the sword out. Then it was thrust in again, until the bull was too weak to charge any more and lay down on the sand very sick. The poor brute refused to get up, and so his death-blow was given in the nape of the neck with a short heavy knife like a hunting-knife. This rather ignominious death was inflicted as the bull would not face the matador a third time; the succeeding animals were more courageous, and charged the red flag up to the last, receiving the death-thrust from the long keen sword just in front of the shoulder-blade, amid the enthusiastic cheers and plaudits of the spectators. The people screamed themselves hoarse with delight, and threw hats, caps, and cigars into the ring for the toreador.

THE VICTOR BOWED HIS THANKS

all round, and, picking up one of the cigars thrown him by his admirers, lighted it out of compliment to the donor. It was easy to understand why every Spanish boy wishes to be a toreador, and every Spanish girl to have the king of the bull-ring for a lover. He is the hero of the hour, and even a King of Spain would cut a very poor figure beside him.

OUR SPECIAL PLATE.

"FIFTY YEARS AGO."

THE Fine-Art Engraving we present this week will remind many of our readers of Mr. Thomas Thorne's admirable impersonation of the barber, with his familiar saying of "Next, please," in the old English comedy of "Sophia," which had deservedly so successful a run at the Vaudeville Theatre. We are favoured with the full permission of Mr. Fred. Barnard, our modern Hogarth, to copy his admirable Royal Academy painting of "Fifty Years Ago," and we reproduce it with especial pleasure, because it is a fair example of this distinguished English artist's rare powers of humorous delineation, which some rich Art patron might serviceably employ, by-the-way, in the vivid portrayal of England of To-Day in a series of trenchant Hogarthian pictures.

We should explain that Mr. Fred Barnard first exhibited his masterly painting of "Fifty Years Ago" in the year 1875; so that his graphically portrayed scene in a barber's shop, so full of character and humour, conjures up the picturesque times of the Georges.

MISS GORDON has presented to the Gordon Boys' Home in Manchester a very handsome portrait of her late brother, General Gordon. It is on view at Cornish's, St. Anne's-square.

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PARNELL COMMISSION.

MR. CHARLES STEWART PARNELL, M.P., having strenuously avowed that the letters in the *Times* purporting to have been written in Kilmainham Jail by him were forgeries, must have welcomed the announcement that the Attorney-General hoped to be able to touch on these precious epistles in the current week. It was high time that the Special Commission, presided over so ably by Sir James Hannen, grappled with this vital part of the case, which the distinguished Judge rightly said ought to be conducted with expedition in the interests alike of the public and of the parties immediately concerned.

PATRICK DELANY,

one of the Phœnix Park convicts, was especially liberated from Maryborough Prison for a period, in order to give evidence before the Special Commission of which Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice Day, and Mr. Justice A. L. Smith are the Commissioners. As an Illustration or two of the scene in Court on this notable occasion appear, we may repeat the names of the counsel engaged:—

For the *Times*, the Attorney-General (Sir R. Webster), Sir H. James, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Murphy, Q.C., and Mr. W. Graham (of the English Bar); and Mr. Atkinson, Q.C., and Mr. Ronan (of the Irish Bar). For Mr. Parnell, Sir Charles Russell, M.P., and Mr. Asquith, M.P. For other members of the Irish party, Mr. R. T. Reid, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Lionel Hart, Mr. Arthur Russell (of the English Bar); and Mr. A. O'Connor, M.P. (of the Irish Bar). Mr. Biggar, M.P., Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P., and Mr. Michael Davitt preferred to represent themselves.

It was on Wednesday, Jan. 16, the thirty-fourth day of the Commission, that the important witness portrayed by our Artist was called. He is hit off to the life. Patrick Delany, the convict from Maryborough Prison, a short, thick-set man, evidently of considerable intelligence, was brought up in custody, but not in prison dress. He was early in the present decade mixed up intimately with General Millen, Sheridan, Fitzgerald, Devoy, and other leaders of the American dynamite party, and gave detailed evidence incriminating various well-known Irishmen, many of whom are now or were then members of Parliament.

Delany said he was an Invincible. The principal part of the Invincible oath related to an obligation to kill the Irish "Executive Council," by which he meant the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary, and the other principal officials of the Government. The Invincibles got their money from the Land League through Patrick Egan, Tynan, and others. They were supplied, too, with expensive arms, among them being repeating rifles, revolvers, and knives, the two latter weapons being brought over from London by Mrs. Frank Byrne. He was arrested in November, 1882, and before that he had assisted in watching Mr. Forster, Chief Secretary, Mr. Justice Lawson, and Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke. They intended early in 1882 to shoot Mr. Forster as he drove along Ellis's quay, and witness said he had orders, if anybody approached while Brady and others were shooting Mr. Forster, to shoot them down. The Chief Secretary did not take the route expected, and a subsequent plot to assassinate him in Brunswick-street also failed from the same cause. Mr. Anderson, the Crown Solicitor, was one of those who were to have been murdered, and Pat Molloy was to have committed the crime. He was selected, Delany said, to shoot Mr. Anderson because, being a law-clerk, he (Molloy) was most likely to know the Crown Solicitor.

Delany owned to having been present at the Phœnix Park murders, but took no actual part in either of them, although he took charge of the knives afterwards till Brady took and destroyed them. Delany gave a fresh edition of the history of the crime of May, 1882, and he gave very clear testimony with regard to the payment by Frank Byrne of various persons concerned in the matter. Byrne, although complaining of the expenditure, said they were not to stop for want of money, and one suggested that Earl Spencer should be killed. It was Molloy, the informer previously spoken of, who pointed out Mr. Justice Lawson to witness and others on the day they had intended to assassinate him. Judge Lawson was under protection, and witness was, on his own admission, instrumental in bringing about his own arrest, for he plucked the sleeve of the detective who was guarding the Judge, and was at once arrested. Had his Lordship gone ten yards further he would have been assassinated, and that would have been contrary to Delany's wishes.

The Attorney-General at this stage produced a number of letters either wholly written or signed by Patrick Egan, several of them to James Carey, and others to unnamed correspondents. One of these letters was the much-talked-of epistle in which Egan wrote that Mr. Parnell was in Paris, and agreed that prompt and decisive action was necessary. It was in this letter that reference was made to an advance from the "A" Fund, which, it has been suggested, meant the Assassination Fund. Where these letters came from did not at this time appear; but, presumably they had at one time reached the possession of Carey and others to whom they were addressed, although Egan stated in one of them that his letters were liable to be stopped. Witness had never known of any fund called the "A" Fund.

Sir Charles Russell prefaced his cross-examination with the admission that certain of the letters were undoubtedly genuine, but that others, he should contend, were forgeries. Sir Charles then proceeded with his questions, and learned at the outset that the witness pleaded "Guilty" to being accessory to the Phœnix Park murders, and had been sentenced to death, which sentence was afterwards commuted by Earl Spencer to penal servitude for life. That sentence he is now undergoing. At the time he confessed to the Phœnix Park murders he was undergoing a sentence of ten years' penal servitude for taking part in the attack on Judge Lawson in November, 1882; and when he was seventeen he had had five years' sentence for highway robbery.

Cross-examined, next day, by Mr. Reid, Delany said he remembered Michael Boyton giving Joseph Brady an order as an Invincible. Boyton pointed out Mr. Burke, the Chairman of the Prison Board, as he was driving along the quay at Dublin. Brady was executed.

MR. MICHAEL DAVITT,

the tall, one-armed Irish patriot with jet-black hair and bronzed face, is a conspicuous figure in the court generally as he sits on the solicitors' bench facing the Commissioners, and in a line with Mr. Biggar; Mr. George Lewis; Mr. Macdonald, the shrewd *Times*' manager; Mr. Soames, the keen *Times*' solicitor; Mr. Buckle, editor of the *Times*, and young Mr. Walter of the acute features. Mr. Davitt succeeded Mr. Reid, Q.C., in the cross-examination of Delany, who was made to appear self-contradictory. About the meeting in the Rotunda in Dublin at which Delany said he saw Mr. Davitt with several Fenians early in 1880, Mr. Davitt very severely cross-examined him. He read the resolution which Delany said Mr. Davitt particularly wished passed at that meeting, and about which there was a dispute. This resolution protested against Nationalists trying to secure the road to independence for Ireland by associating with "ex-convicts" and "renegades." "Is that not opposed to me?" asked Mr. Davitt; but Delany declined to give an opinion, or to say that he had ever heard that after the meeting four Fenians went to Mr. Davitt's lodgings with revolvers. Referring

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to James Carey, Delany said that man knew more about the Fenian organisation than he did, but he knew a great deal "to his grief." He regarded himself as one of Carey's dupes. "Yes," he said sorrowfully, "Carey made his dupes do the work he wouldn't do himself, and to my grief he was willing to sacrifice them to secure his own safety. Why, he was the only man who identified me."

Mr. Reid asked that the witness (who was confined, when not wanted, in a metropolitan prison) might remain in London for a few days. They wished to make some inquiries, and Mr. J. O'Connor, M.P., desired to be confronted with Delany. The President promised to direct the witness to remain in London.

Captain Plunkett is also among the personages portrayed by our Artist. He was examined on Jan. 18. He said he had been a Resident Magistrate for twenty-four years in Longford, Mayo, Meath, Sligo, and Kerry. A general disorder set in after the establishment of the Land League. In cross-examination he said that whenever the League denounced a man he invariably suffered. Mr. Herbert was denounced, and was afterwards murdered. Mr. Curtin was also denounced before he was assassinated. Two members of the League had told him that they were present at meetings where crime was arranged to be committed.

The writer of the *Evening Standard* summary stated that on Tuesday the most important witness was Patrick Farragher, once a tenant of a farm in the county of Mayo, and subsequently an employée in the Land League offices in Dublin. The chief point in his testimony was the statement that Patrick Egan and James Mullett (convict and Invincible) were on familiar terms, that they met several times, to the witness's personal knowledge, and that cheques, some of which passed through his hands, were drawn by Egan in favour of Mullett, who cashed them at the Hibernian Bank. Farragher's further examination was directed to the establishment of a direct connection between the Land League and the Ladies' League.

MUSWELL-HILL BURGLARY.

MR. JAMES MONRO,

the new Chief Commissioner, would, we are sure, bear us out in saying that the prompt and smart manner in which the arrests for the violent burglary at Muswell-hill were effected reflected the greatest credit upon all the members of the Force concerned. The Metropolitan Police authorities are not unlikely to recognise in an appreciative manner the zeal and skill displayed on this and similar occasions. Especial praise is the due of Detective-Inspector Tunbridge, of Scotland-yard, who had charge of the case; and likewise in a marked degree of Detective-Inspector Peel, G Division, and of the Detective-Sergeants under him in whose district Clark, Burdett, and Smith were cleverly captured in the Barley Mow public-house, Boundary-street, at the back of Shoreditch Church. From the sketch our Artist gives of this house it will be seen that the Barley Mow is one of those old "pubs." where the game of "puff and dart" is still played for liquor. We should also remark that Sergeant Nash, who quickly arrested the resolute fugitive Lyster at Southampton, belongs to the well-organised division of Detective-Inspector Peel.

MR. ATKIN, THE ACCUSED,

the chief detectives engaged, and other points of interest are sketched by our Artist. We trust the publication of these carefully executed portraits of the prisoners will further the ends of justice by enabling other persons to recognise them, if the men really are the ruffians who did not scruple to use revolvers in the practice of burglary. The Number of *The Penny Illustrated Paper* for Jan. 19 contained an authoritative view of the burglarious outrage at Norton Lees, the Muswell Hill residence of Mr. Harry Wright Atkin, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15. It will be remembered that the burglars climbed a ladder, and gained admission through a bedroom window, and, upon being disturbed, fired at Mr. Atkin and one of his sons in the cool manner delineated in our last. A third burglar seriously wounded Mr. George Duckworth Atkin, as he was running in pursuit, as also portrayed by our Artist. There are wild beasts who deserve no better fate than shooting in our midst. Remarkable celerity was shown in arresting the prisoners Clark, Smith, and Burdett the Thursday night after the burglary in the Barley Mow by Detective-Sergeants Gilbert Snell, Sewell, and Benjamin Fordham. The exterior of the house in which Lyster and Clark lodged, 4, Huntington-street, Kingsland-road, is represented in our centre Illustration, alongside a sketch showing how neatly Nash captured Lyster when in bed with his companion, named Candie, at the Crown and Sceptre public-house, Southampton.

THE CHIEF LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE

forged in workmanlike fashion by the Metropolitan Police on Monday last, may be soon summarised. In the first place, let it be briefly stated that on that date at the Highgate Police-Court, before Messrs. W. P. Bodkin, E. Homan, F. Orton, T. P. Baptie, and F. Reckit, Charles Burdett, fifty-three, fish-curer, of Boundary-street, Shoreditch; James Clark, thirty-three, bootmaker, having no fixed home; George Smith, alias Peters, fifty-five, woodchopper, of 9, Park-street, Bethnal-green; and Alfred Lyster, forty, upholsterer, of 4, Huntington-street, Kingsland-road, were brought up on remand charged with having on the night of the 8th inst. broken and entered Norton Lees, Muswell-hill, the residence of Mr. Harry Wright Atkin, and stealing therefrom a purse, a button-hook, 7s. 6d. in money, and other articles of the value of £2. They were also charged, on remand, with shooting Mr. George Duckworth Atkin, with intent to murder him, at the same time and place.

Inspectors Miller and Tunbridge, of the Criminal Investigation Department, represented the police authorities; Mr. Pollard prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury; Mr. A. Hutton appeared for Burdett, Smith, and Lyster; and Mr. Germaine defended Clark.

Mr. Pollard, in opening the case, said that Mr. George Atkin was progressing favourably, and it was hoped that by next week he would be able to give evidence.

Police-Sergeant Harlow having produced the plan of Norton Lees, Mr. William Ball, proprietor of the Mail Coach public-house, Kingsland-road, deposed that he knew the prisoners Burdett and Clark. They were companions, and at eleven o'clock on the night of the burglary they came into his house with another man, whom he believed to be Smith, and tendered a four-shilling piece, which he changed as a five-shilling piece. Clarke was wearing black kid gloves and carrying a silver-headed cane, as was his wont; while Burdett had a kid glove on one hand and carried the other glove in his hand.

Mr. G. H. James, senior member of the firm of James and Co., Paternoster-buildings, Paternoster-square, wholesale manufacturers, said that he had examined the inner clasp of a purse that had been through the fire, and found it corresponded exactly with the inner clasp of a purse brought to him by Miss Atkin.

Dorothy Bridget Atkin, a little girl of nine years, daughter of Mr. Atkin, said she remembered the burglary well. She slept in her sister's room, and in a box there she had, up to the time of the burglary, a curling-pin like the one produced. She also had a yellow stone and a pin in another box, and they were missing. In another drawer she kept a wooden money-box, in which she knew she had 7s. 6d. in silver and some coppers. The money-box was still there, but the money was gone. She also missed a red coral necklace, composed of beads similar to those produced. Mr. Atkin himself then described how he was fired at by the burglars; and details of Lyster's pursuit and capture followed.

THE BRISTOL EVIDENCE

was also of importance.

Mr. Arthur Spafforth, living at Stapleton, near Bristol, deposed that on the evening of Dec. 20 he was in Clifton Park, Bristol, when he heard a noise in the garden of No. 4, followed by a scuffle. Five or six men scrambled over the gate, and all but one went in the direction of Bristol. He brought him to bay by the railings of Christ Church, where the man presented a pistol at him, and said that if he attempted to follow him he would fire upon him. Witness made a grab at the man, but he dodged, and got away down a side lane. At Highgate Police-Station he recognised Lyster as the man. He recognised Clark also as one of the men he saw running away, but he was not so positive about him as about Lyster. He picked him out from about twenty other men in the station.

Amos Rasell, a pawnbroker's manager, of 123, Victoria-street, Bristol, stated that on the 19th ult. a man, whom he believed to be Lyster, entered the shop and pledged a signet ring for 4s. in the name of Henry Coutts, of 1, Victoria Coffee Tavern, Bristol. On the following morning it was redeemed by the same man, and in the evening he came again and pledged it again, with a coat and vest and two white shirts, in the name of Alfred Coutts, 16s. being lent on the whole of the articles. On Dec. 22 they were taken out of pledge through the Pawnbrokers' Association and taken to London.

Mrs. Bernard, wife of a retired army officer, identified Burdett and Lyster as men who were concerned in a burglary at her mother's house, Clifton Park, Bristol, on Dec. 19. Burdett she saw in her bedroom on the occasion, while she remembered Lyster watching the house from the carriage-drive. Jewellery was taken from her room to the value of between £700 and £800.

The inquiry was then adjourned for a week. Smith was admitted to bail; but the other prisoners were remanded in custody.

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JIM GIVENS; OR, THE HERO OF THE BURNING BOAT.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1888.

(See front Engraving in "The Penny Illustrated Paper" of Jan. 5.)

WAAL, mates, I guess ye 'd like to know
How it chanced that Christmas Eve,
In the midnight darkness and the snow,
So I 'll tell you, by your leave,
How the "John H. Hanna" fared, worse luck!
In her last derned fatal trip,
And with all aboard her went amuck
On the grave of the Mississip.

She were built, like any steamer craft,
Not fur safety but to hire;
Heaped up with cotton fore and aft,
As if fashioned fur a fire:
And her crew was stout but keerless men,
Whom I 'm not going to blame;
Though they had a hero good as ten,
And Jim Givens were his name.

Now he weren't a pious chap, weren't Jim,
And he did not often pray;
But in danger ye could lean on *him*,
Fur ye knowed that child would stay;
Though he might not *talk* religion much,
And with oaths his speech would leaven,
Yet he *lived* religion, and of such
Aint the Kingdom, mates, of Heaven?

And he weren't no scholard, I 've heerd tell,
In book-larning and the like;
But he seen his dooty, and did it well,
And he on'y fair would strike;
Aye, he looked you squarely in the face,
And fur any oped his puss,
While he armed and kep his proper place,
As an upright, downright cuss.

They was fast asleep when the fire bust out,
And it flew from starn to stem,
And there *were* a yelling and a shout
When the hot wind walloped *them*;
Fur the flames with lightning fury spread,
As no mortal might could drown,
And upon the dying and the dead
The soft white snow come down.

In the blinding smoke and scalding steam,
In the blazing cotton stuck,
They went shrieking down the hissing stream,
Till the slippery bank were struck;
But they bounded off, though the Cap'in cleared
When his voice were needed most,
And the pilot, too, as oughter steered—
But Jim Givens kep' his post!

Fur he seen, as the life of every soul
Jest hung on the boat going back,
As the helm swung round with no controul,
And the fire were on its track;
But he weren't the boy to skulk and squirm,
And he had a heart to feel,
And there, with his pulses fit and firm,
Jim Givens were at the wheel!

So he brought her to, and fetched her nose
With a will agin the bank,
Though the hungry flames rushed on to close,
And their blasting breath he drank.
Aye, he lashed the wheel as it could not turn,
And he did it clean and well,
While his coat and hair began to burn
In that raging, howling hell!

Ah! he fought the fire, but it wern't no good,
Fur his cheeks were handed in,
If he grimly strove and gamely stood,
Though he weren't this bout to win;
But like 'Lijah he weren't cradled soft,
And his grit ye could not tire,
And like *him* his sperrit went aloft
In a chariot of fire.

Yes; that were the last of spunky Jim,
In his brothers' sarvice spent,
And I 'd rather stood byside of him,
Than been 'lected President;
And he wern't as steady, mates, as some,
Excep' in the hour of stress,
But if Jim aint up in "Kingdom Come!"
Then it won't be Heaven, I guess.

F. HARALD WILLIAMS,
Author of "Women Must Weep."

[We may add that a subscription has been opened by the New Orleans *Times* for the family of Jim Givens, the hero of the Mississippi steam-boat disaster. He has left destitute by his death a widow and three young children. It is said that Givens's widowed mother is living in Liverpool.]

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LONDON CHARACTER SKETCHES: AN "INVINCIBLE" CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. DAVITT IN THE PARNELL COMMISSION; AND HAUNTS OF THE MEN ACCUSED OF THE MUSWELL-HILL BURGLARY.

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Sport.

THE O. AND C. BOAT-RACE

will ere long absorb public attention. The bright sunny mornings we have now and again been favoured with must have been very encouraging to rowing-men. The University Boat-Race has been fixed for

SATURDAY, MARCH 30,

which is some days earlier than usual; but the lateness of Easter and the length of the Lent Term have contributed to the change. As the tide serves early in the afternoon, the race will start about 1.30 p.m.

PRACTICE BEGAN AT CAMBRIDGE

on the 16th inst., when the crew went out, rather late in the day, in one of the new tub-boats built for the trial eights. On Monday a change was witnessed in the constitution of the crew. This was brought about by the arrival of Mr. C. B. P. Bell, of Trinity Hall, last year's No. 4. After some gig-pair exercise, the practice eight was launched, and then it was seen that the services of J. M. Sladen, Trinity Hall, had been dispensed with, Coombes taking his place at 6, the old Blue going to his former thwart. Accompanied by Mr. Muttlebury, the crew went for their customary spin. The amended order of rowing was as follows:—R. P. Beven, Third Trinity (bow); 2. L. Hannen, Trinity Hall; 3. R. H. P. Orde, First Trinity; 4. C. B. P. Bell, Trinity Hall; 5. J. Backhouse, Lady Margaret; 6. H. E. Coombes, Lady Margaret; 7. F. H. Maugham, Trinity Hall; J. C. Gardner, Emmanuel (stroke); T. W. Northmore, Queen's (cox.).

THE OXFORD PRESIDENT,

Mr. W. F. C. Holland, made a start on Monday, and took the initial crew out twice during the afternoon. Although there was not a single Old Blue occupying a seat in the eight, the men have all had a lot of experience in college and university races. Douglas has twice occupied the stroke thwart in the trial eights. The following was the order of rowing: W. F. D. Smith, New (bow); 2, H. E. L. Puxley, Corpus; 3, A. Inman, Magdalen; 4, Lord Ampthill, New; 5, F. Wilkinson, Brasenose; 6, F. C. Drake, New; 7, R. P. P. Rowe, Magdalen; F. W. Douglas, Christ-church (stroke); H. H. Houldsworth, Christ-church (cox).

KEMPTON PARK COURSING.

The Kempton Park Champion Stakes proved the excuse for a good dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday; and drew many lovers of the leash on Wednesday and Thursday to Kempton Park, and will probably draw more on the concluding day, Friday, when are to take place the deciding rounds of the Champion Stakes, City of London Stakes, and Westminster Stakes. Colonel North entered one of his splendid hounds, Huic Holloa, for the Kempton Park Meeting; and hopes to win the Waterloo Cup.

SOME DERBY WAGERING

took place at the London Turf clubs last Monday. Against Donovan 100 to 30 was twice laid, but the odds were freely offered, when 1000 to 150 was noted to Chitabob. This caused 7 to 1 and 8 to 1 to be respectively offered to money against each Laureate and El Dorado. Gulliver was quiet at 100 to 6, and after £75 had been invested on Help at 20 to 1 the price was asked for. To Gay Hampton's name 1000 to 50 was twice written down, and Fitztraver was backed at the same rate of odds. Napoleon found favour at 1000 to 35, and Pioneer was supported at 500 to 15. Prices:—

DERBY. (*Run June 5.*)

100 to 30 agst Donovan (t & o)	20 to 1 agst Help (t & w)
100 to 15 — Chitabob (t)	20 to 1 — Gay Hampton (t)
7 to 1 — Laureate (o)	20 to 1 — Fitztraver (t & o)
8 to 1 — El Dorado (o)	28 to 1 — Napoleon (t)
100 to 6 — Gulliver (t & o)	33 to 1 — Pioneer (t & o)

WILLIAM O'CONNOR HAS ACCEPTED GAUDAUR'S

challenge (we learn from Canada) offering to row him three miles for 1000 dols. a side at San Francisco about March 1.

THE POLYTECHNIC PEDESTRIANS

are worthy Mr. Quintin Hogg's excellent educational establishment in Regent-street. On Saturday last, the Polytechnic Harriers had a seven-miles handicap at Willesden-green. That 's the way for young men to keep themselves in good condition. After a fine race, the club's captain, Jesse Watts, an old and well-tried runner, carried off the first prize. With 3 min. 35 sec. start he won outright by 35 yards from D. Donoghue, 4 min. 5 sec.; W. Vail, 3 min. 30 sec., reaching home third; and the virtual scratch man, F. C. Deacon, 55 sec., who ran in grand form throughout, fourth. The latter's time, 41 min. 30 sec., was the best in the race.

THE SPARTAN HARRIERS

had a fine run at Wood-green, last Saturday. There were 131 entries for the five miles steeplechase. H. J. Pier, 5 min. 30 sec. start, won the members' race. The other trophies were awarded thus:—T. Lindsay, North London Harriers, 6 min. start, 1; A. G. Hearn, Reindeer Harriers, 5 min. 40 sec., 2; W. Leach, West Southwark Harriers, 5 min., 3; F. Norman, Cavendish Harriers, 5 min. 30 sec., 4; the latter four finishing 2nd, 4th, 8th, and 9th respectively. Pier's net time was 34 min. 30 sec. and Lindsay's 35 min. 17 sec.

THE FINCHLEY HARRIERS

decided a seven-miles handicap last Saturday at Neasdon. A. J. Browne was in excellent form, finishing fifth from scratch, in a field of forty runners, and covering the course in the fastest time—viz., 47 min. 30½ sec. The actual winner turned up in the veteran Ralph Gale, captain of the pack. His start was 3 min. 15 sec., and he managed to win by 3 sec. only, after a rare struggle with the second man, E. J. Hill, 1 min. 30 sec. Winner's time, 50 min. 20 sec.

BILLIARDS.

Last Saturday's play in the Championship Tournament at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, was remarkable for the fine form shown by W. J. Peall and W. Mitchell in their respective heats. The first game was between W. J. Peall and F. White. After the customary misses, Peall made a break of 209 (61 spots), and at his next attempt he ran out, contributing 790 (43 and 207 spots). White made only three points, and was beaten by 997. W. Mitchell and H. M'Neil played off their heat in the evening. This proved another one-sided match. The first break of note was recorded by M'Neil, who put together a capital 171. Mitchell, however, did not give his opponent a further opportunity, as he next made 923 (301 spots), and won by 822 points.

The tournament was on Monday advanced another stage, the thirteenth and fourteenth heats being contested. As left on Saturday night, Peall and Mitchell were the only two of the eight players engaged who had won all their three games; and on Monday the first-named added another victory to his list by beating Collins. Having the best of the game all through he with chief breaks of 141 (38 spots), 70 (20 spots), 440 (144 spots), and 323 (98 spots), unfinished, won by 881 points, the scores being Peall 1000, Collins 119. In the evening Dowland and Taylor met, and a very exciting game resulted, each in turn taking the lead, Dowland winning by 273, the game standing—Dowland 1000, Taylor 727. The winner made 435 (135 spots), 123 (39 spots), and 238 (11 and 62 spots) as his best, and Taylor contributed 145 (46 spots), 86, 230 (75 spots), and 66 (13 spots).

Peall and White called on Monday at the *Sportsman* office, and signed articles to play a match of 18,000 up, all in, White to receive 4000 start, for £500 a side, to be played at the Royal Aquarium early in March.

John Roberts, jun. (Champion), v. H. M'Neil on Monday played two exhibition games of 1000 up at the Victoria Billiard Hall, West-street, Brighton, M'Neil receiving 350 start. In the afternoon the Scotchman held the lead at first, but Roberts, playing up grandly to the finish, won by 38 points. Score—Roberts, 1000; M'Neil, 962. Three games of pyramids were also played, in which M'Neil had his revenge, winning the three. There was again a good attendance in the evening. Roberts was soon busy with breaks of 142, 141, and 125, his opponent's best being 118 and 40, and at the interval the score was—M'Neil, 581; Roberts (in play), 500. Resuming, the receiver of points woke up with a serviceable 109; but Roberts would not be denied, and won by 58 points. Score—Roberts, 1000; M'Neil, 942.

BRITISH CRICKETERS AT THE CAPE.

The match between the English cricketing team and Fifteen of Cape Colony, commenced at Kimberley on Thursday week was concluded on Saturday last. The first innings of the home team closed for 267 runs, against 91 made by their opponents, and the English thus commenced their second innings 176 runs to the bad. A good stand was made, however, particularly by Abel, Hearne, and Mr. M. P. Bowden, who scored 37, 41, and 50, respectively. Excellent cricket was also displayed by Wood and Mr. B. A. F. Grieve, and the visitors' total reached 212. With only 36 runs to make, however, the victory of the Colonial Fifteen was almost a foregone conclusion, and the required number was, as a matter of fact, scored without the loss of a wicket, the match thus resulting in a victory for the home team by ten wickets.

WELCOME TO AMERICANS.

At a meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association at Manchester, on Saturday, the annual general meeting was fixed for March 30, in London, and the date of the championships was fixed for Saturday, June 29, at Stamford-bridge, London. A resolution was passed welcoming all American amateur athletes to their championship sports.

FOOTBALL.

NORTH V. SOUTH.

There was an attendance numbering 7000 spectators to witness the tenth match between teams representing the above, last Saturday. South had the best of the play for some little time after crossing over, then the Northerners played up, but failed to get through the splendid defence of the South back division, and were beaten by 2 to 1.

YORKSHIRE V. MAORIS.

At Wakefield the same day a strong county combination defeated the New Zealanders by the large margin of 5 goals 1 try to the Maoris' 1 goal 1 try.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following were the results of last Saturday's matches:
Aston Villa beat West Bromwich Albion, at Perry Barr, before 12,000 spectators, by 2 goals to nil.
Blackburn Rovers defeated Accrington, on last-named ground, by 2 to nil.
Burnley beat Derby County, at Burnley, by 1 goal to nil.
Preston North-End and Everton drew 15,000 spectators at Everton, and North-End won by 2 to nil.
Notts County beat Wolverhampton Wanderers, at Nottingham (3—0).
Stoke and Bolton Wanderers played a drawn game at Stoke (2 goals each).

ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

Clapton beat Royal Arsenal, at Leyton (2—0).
Casuals beat Hotspur, at Oval, by 4 to 3.
Old Westminsters defeated Old Wykehamists, at Westminster (5—1).
Casuals beat Crusaders, at Upper Tooting (2—0).
London Caledonians beat Unity, at Wimbledon (6—0).
Lincoln City beat Rotherham, at Lincoln (4—0).
Notts Rangers beat Derby Junction, at Nottingham (3—2).
Notts Forest beat Glasgow Rangers, at Nottingham (2—1).
Old Harrovians beat Old Foresters, at Harrow (6—0).
Glasgow beat Sheffield, at Glasgow (8—1).

RUGBY MATCHES.

Weston-super-Mare—Somerset, 3 goals 2 tries; Blackheath, 1 try.
Wandsworth—Queen's, 1 goal; Clapham Rovers, nil.
Wood-lane—London Scottish, 2 goals 1 try; Kensington, 1 try.
Richmond—Richmond, 3 goals; Clapham Rovers, nil.
Richmond—Harlequins, 1 goal 3 tries; Middlesex Wanderers, 1 try.
Bradford—Bradford, 1 goal 1 try; Dewsbury, nil.
Cambridge—Cambridge University, 3 goals 1 try; Queen's, 1 try.
Batley—Wakefield Trinity, 1 try; Batley, 1 try.
Huddersfield—Huddersfield, 1 goal 1 try; Manningham, 1 goal.
Balham—Old Leysians, 3 goals; St. Thomas's Hospital, 1 try.
Gloucester—Gloucester, 1 try; Newport, nil.
Norwich—Norfolk, 2 goals 2 tries; Suffolk, 1 goal.
Liverpool—Swinton, 1 goal 3 tries; Liverpool Old Boys, nil.

FATAL FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

On Monday, an accident which occurred to Mr. Charles Smith, twenty years of age, at Charlton, on Saturday last, terminated fatally. He was playing in a football-match, under Rugby rules, when he was violently thrown, and dislocated his spine. He was conveyed to the residence of his uncle, Mr. Lawson, on Plumstead-common-road, where brain fever supervened, and he died.

LAST MONDAY'S MATCHES.

At Northampton the Midland Counties with a strong team beat a weak Northamptonshire Fifteen by 3 goals and 4 tries to a try; Mr. Sutton's Manchester team playing a match with Oldham on the latter's ground, which ended in a draw, the score being 1 try each. Under Association rules the Old Etonians drew Trinity Rest, at Cambridge (4 goals each); Walsall Town Swifts proving successful over Birmingham St. George's, at Walsall, by 3 goals to none.

CHESHIRE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

AN inquest was opened at the Navigation Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire, last Saturday, on the bodies of the twenty-three men who were killed in the Hyde Collieries of Messrs. Sidebotham, by an explosion of gas on the Friday morning of last week. Mr. Atkinson, Government Inspector of Mines for Cheshire and North Staffordshire, in company with Mr. Sawyer, Assistant-Inspector, and Mr. John Higson, mining engineer, went down the pit and made a thorough examination of the works, and particularly of the extreme end of the 2 ft. seam. At the bottom of the final brow it was seen that the roofs and sides had collapsed, and it was near this spot that the searchers discovered the first six bodies. The distance from the pit's mouth to the 2 ft. seam is about three-quarters of a mile. Mr. Atkinson was not examined on Saturday, and it is expected that he will give a detailed statement of the condition in which he found the pit at the adjourned inquest, which is fixed to be held on Feb. 7 at the Hyde Townhall. The Mayor of Hyde has opened a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the men killed; and Messrs. Sidebotham have headed the list with a subscription of £300. Three sisters of the Messrs. Sidebotham have also forwarded £50 each to the relief fund.

COLLISION OFF DOVER.

A COLLISION occurred at a late hour on Saturday night off the Varne Buoy, about three miles from Dover, between the steam-ship Denbighshire, of London, and the Duke of Buckingham, also a steamer, of Barrow-in-Furness. Two men belonging to the first-named vessel were drowned, the remainder of the crew being taken on board the Duke of Buckingham and conveyed to Dover. The Denbighshire foundered.

AN annual "mothers'" dinner was held at Dorking last Monday night. An interesting incident was the presentation by Mrs. Cubitt, wife of Mr. Cubitt, M.P., to Minnie Matilda Murrell, aged fifteen, of an illuminated address and £5, awarded to her by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. She was a servant at the house of Mr. Inglis, in High-street, which a short time ago was burnt out. There were three children in a bed-room on the first floor. She rescued one, and, then, rushing up again, took the others down through the blinding smoke and heat. On her way she dropped one on the stairs, but afterwards groped back and recovered it. Finally, she handed out the two children from the front window to the people in the street. The heroic girl had an enthusiastic reception.

TO STUDENTS.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend CADBURY'S COCOA; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

LAUNDRINE is the very latest discovery. It cleans the worst soiled linen without the weary labour of the wash-tub. It has no smell, will not injure the most delicate fabric, is easily used, and dispenses with the use of soda, washing-powders, &c. One penny tablet will do a large washing. No busy housewife should be without it. Sold by Grocers and Oilmen in 1d. Tablets, 6d. and 1s. Boxes. Sample by parcels post for 12 stamps. Trade terms on application to the Manufacturers, THE PUMPHERSTON OIL COMPANY, Ltd., Glasgow, and 1, Bury-st., London.—[ADVT.]

"CLEANING SILVER."—All difficulty in keeping silver, electro-plate, &c., untarnished and with a brilliant polish, may be obviated by using GODDARD'S NON-MERCURIAL PLATE-POWDER. Sold everywhere, in Boxes, 1s., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. Five gold medals awarded.—[ADVT.]

The Playgoer.

THE sumptuously beautiful pantomime of "The Babes in the Wood" (in which handsome Miss Harriet Vernon, as here sketched, assumes the part of Robin Hood) has proved as attractive as I predicted it would. The judicious enterprise and good-taste displayed by Mr. Augustus Harris in producing the brilliant Procession of Toys and Ballet of Birds have been rewarded by such good houses that the two performances a day have often realised eleven hundred pounds!

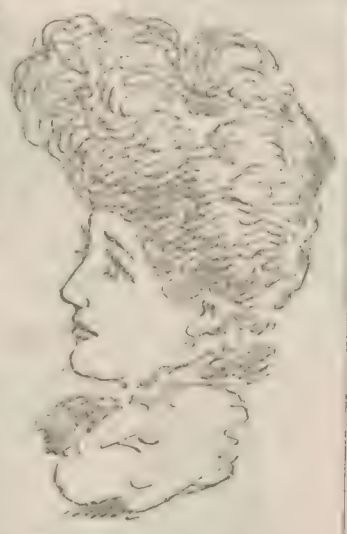
Miss Kate Vaughan, our most fascinating Peg Woffington, the embodiment of grace and beauty, has proved so enchanting at the Globe

as Miss Hardcastle, and so supremely seductive in the dainty monologue of "How It Happened," in which charming sketch she eclipses Chaumont and Judic, that it is to be hoped the fair and sparkling *comédienne* will ere long create an original part in a new piece expressly written for her. What a chance for a rising dramatist!

As I foresaw would be the case, Planquette's "Paul Jones" is a big hit at the Prince of Wales's.

Graceful Mrs. Bernard Beere's assumption of the part of Mrs. Sternhold, in gorgeous new dresses fashioned by Worth, and paid for by Monte Carlo winnings, *on dit*, is the most noteworthy feature in the revival of the stilted, old-fashioned, and unnatural play of "Still Waters Run Deep" at the underground Criterion. This adaptation by Tom Taylor of the French novel called "Le Gendre" is based on an incident so utterly impossible in real life that it is to be wondered at that "Still Waters Run Deep" survived its first production. But it *has*. And the representation of the comedy by Mr. Charles Wyndham on Saturday last drew together a "swagger" audience, comprising such notabilities as our amiable and popular Princess Mary, the Duke of Teck, and their pretty daughter Victoria, the Earl and Countess of Londesborough and *their* comely daughter, handsome Lady Randolph Churchill, beautiful Mrs. O'Hagan, radiant Mrs. Henry Labouchere, and the lovely young Nitrate Princess, Miss North, with the "Nitrate King and Queen," and full Nitrate suite. Hence, doubtless, the brilliancy of the stall parterre, gemmed with feminine flowers, for the fertilising power of Nitrate is now well known. Before the curtain, the Criterion was on Saturday bright as new gilding and fresh paint could make the auditorium. On the stage, the mounting was simply luxurious. Mr. Wyndham has so large a following that he will not lack good houses during the run of "Still Waters Run Deep." But it is to be hoped that it will not be long before "David Garrick" is revived and Mr. Burnand's new comedy is produced. For as John Mildmay Mr. Wyndham does not shine. There's not "go" enough in the part for him. When you have got over the indefensible fault of the dramatist—Mildmay's toleration under his roof of a man he knows to be a shameless scoundrel and swindler—there is the unaccountable tameness of this modern Mildmay to account for. The duel of words between Mildmay and Captain Hawksley (Mr. Herbert Standing) told as well as ever; and Mr. Wyndham was similarly strong and effective in his scene of reconciliation with his wife. Mrs. Bernard-Beere made far too young a Mrs. Sternhold. Miss Mary Moore was charming as ever as Mrs. Mildmay. Of the remaining members of the company, Mr. Herbert Standing was sufficiently truculent as Hawksley: Mr. William Blakeley was droll as usual as Mr. Potter; and Mr. George Giddens made an admirable Dunbilk. Morton's farce, "A Pretty Piece of Business," was accepted as a lively curtain-lifter.

Miss Grace Hawthorne, the charming Lessee of the Princess's, has won so many stanch friends by her gracious geniality since she has directed the home of melodrama in Oxford-street, that widespread satisfaction will be felt at the good news that the fair lady is better, and hopes to be able to take part in one of Mr. Wilson Barrett's forthcoming new plays.

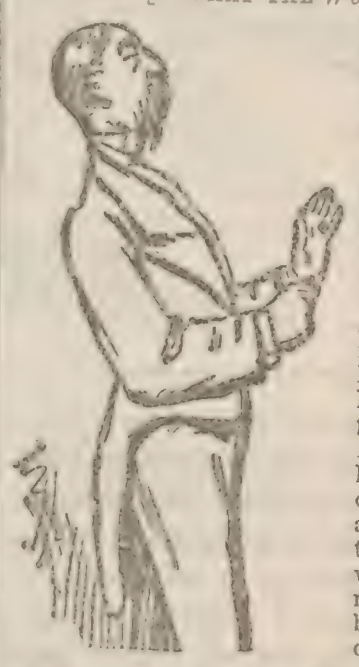


As the *Era* newspaper is regarded as the Bible of "*the* profession," so the *Era* Almanack continues to be indispensable to all who would be well posted in theatrical facts and dramatic and musical lore. Conducted by Mr. Edward Ledger, the *Era* Almanack for 1889, just issued, contains the customary list of new pieces; a variety of new stories; and interesting "confessions" by favourite actors and actresses. Thus, Wilson Barrett owns to "Hamlet" being his favourite play; whilst Tom Thorne names Parson Adams as the part he likes best.

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

DEAN HOLE is this week appreciatively limned as the *World's* "Celebrity at Home" at Rochester:—



"Dean Hole stands just six feet three and three-quarters in his stockings. His stalwart frame is every bit as erect to-day as it was half a century ago when, as a Brasenose undergraduate, he enlarged his knowledge of agriculture in the fields of the Bicester country, learned the rudiments of architecture amongst the walls of the Heythrop, and wore as President the mulberry coat, gilt buttons, and buff vest of the Phœnix Club.

"The Dean, who always rises at six in the summer and seven in the winter, has a great many things to show you at Rochester, even when his rarest roses and prize flowers are buried in straw. In the wainscoted dining-room he keeps the urn given him by the rosarians of England, the portraits of his ancestors, and the picture of his faithful horse Benedict, which reminds him of the stiff fences of the Rufford country."

The Queen has purchased Mr. Walker's shorthorn steer which took the first prize at Birmingham and the second at Smithfield, and the beast has joined the Royal herd at the Shaw Farm.

Her Majesty now possesses large and very fine herds of shorthorns, Devons, and Herefords at Windsor, a splendid herd of West Highland at Osborne, and a small but very choice herd of the famous Scotch breed known as "Black Doddies" at Abergeldie.

Lord Salisbury intends to visit Bristol during the Easter Recess, when he will address a great meeting in the Drill-hall.

The marriage of the Duke of Newcastle and Miss Candy will take place at All Saints', Margaret-street, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 9.30 a.m. Miss Candy will be attended by eight bridesmaids and two pages. The wedding breakfast will take place at noon, and the Duke and Duchess of Newcastle are to spend their honeymoon at Pau.

Lady Dudley has been working hard for the "Delph" Mission in Staffordshire, and the concert which she organised in its aid at Brierley Hill proved a great success. Lady Dudley, in black velvet and pearls, brought over a large party from Himley Hall.

Madame Patti is to leave Bordeaux for Buenos Ayres on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the steamer Portugal, in which she has engaged two large cabins, as well as accommodation for four servants and her dog.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

Her Majesty will leave England for the Continent, according to present arrangements, on Tuesday, March 5. The Queen, who will be accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, is to embark at Portsmouth on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, in which she will cross the Channel to Cherbourg, and proceed from that port by special train direct to Biarritz, where she intends to reside for a month.

Her Majesty has decided on visiting Biarritz, through the representations of Princess Frederica of Hanover, who is passing the winter there, and who has described the place and neighbourhood in the most glowing terms.

The Villa La Rochefoucald, and the Villa Evers, which adjoins it, have been engaged for the Queen by the advice of the Princess, and a couple of household officials have been dispatched to Biarritz to inspect the houses and grounds, and to make careful inquiry into the water supply and the sanitary arrangements.

The Prince of Wales is to hold three levées before Easter at St. James's Palace, the first of which will probably be fixed for the second week in March, directly after H.R.H. has returned from the Riviera.

The Empress Frederick is a most accomplished player of both the violin and the guitar, and not a day passes but she amuses herself for an hour or two with one of those instruments.

Lord Salisbury, who recently purchased an estate of about eighty acres at Beaulieu, near Villefranche (between Nice and Mentone), is now building a villa there. It is, I hear, being erected from his own design, and is to be a long building in two storeys, with a tower, loggia, and spacious balconies.

He has selected a charming site, and there will be extensive views of the Mediterranean and the coast from the front windows and terrace of the villa, which is being built on a sort of plateau in the midst of an olive-grove.

Biarritz is not what it used to be when the Empress Eugénie was Mdlle. Montijo, and was residing at Bayonne on a third floor with her mother. After she became the first lady in the French official world, the fact that she had a villa there drew a rich and pretentious mob from all parts. The place is now as overcrowded as Cannes.

Biarritz is the earthly paradise of rastaquères. Spanish is greatly spoken there, and the tone of the ladies, on the whole, is loud and fast. Two tramlines place the old port and the new town in communication with Bayonne.

I hear that the Queen's Biarritz landlady was a Mrs. Cavendish, who thirty years ago claimed to be widow of the true heir to the Duchy of Devonshire. She has since married a French nobleman. Prince Beatrice will find the place more amusing than Aix in the Spring.

MR. BRIGHT slept well during Sunday night, and on Monday enjoyed refreshing sleep. In the evening he sat up in his chair by the bedroom fire for more than two hours, and he seemed to be slowly improving.

LORD KNUTSFORD received at the Colonial Office, on Monday, Mr. A. J. M'Donald and three other gentlemen, on matters connected with the Diamond Fields in South Africa.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL has left London for the South of France, where he will remain until the re-assembling of Parliament. It is understood that his Lordship is in fairly good health.

HEART AFFECTIONS (from [illegible]), palpitation, irregular beating, short breath, [illegible]. Send 13 stamps for Box of "STANDARD PILL [illegible] No. 4" PILLS, 280, Walworth-road, London.—[ADVT.

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any person who applies to NICHOLSON, 21, Bedford-square, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Bye, bye, Bumble! With all your sartorial and gold-lace pomp, ye 'll not be missed. Little Miss London welcomes the new era. Imbued with the spirit of the times, this new Queen Mab knows the public like the show of sovereignty (wiser in this respect than another Sovereign I wot of); and, accordingly, Little Miss London begins her reign with a joyous and gay Carnival Ball of Concord. See, she greets us in good company. My Lord Salisbury is a sturdy chaperon. How d'ye like him in the old historic garb of his Elizabethan ancestor, the trusty Robert Cecil of Queen Bess? Stately, isn't he? Dispenser of a well-ordered hospitality at Hatfield, my Lord Salisbury acts well the part of M.C. to Little Miss London. Congratulations, by-the-way, to his worthy son Robert on his marriage! Happy, indeed, should Bride and Bridegroom be, for the Sun shone out bravely on one of the bonniest mornings of January on Tuesday last.

Easy to recognise the best-known faces in Little Miss London's Costume Ball! First and foremost, brightest of Primroses, Lord Rosebery! As we predicted in our cartoon last week, Lord Rosebery and Sir John Lubbock came in at the head of the poll for the City. Little Miss London has no two truer knights. Nor has the public. As chief new broom, Rosebery's the man to sweep away the abuses and venalities which made the "Metropolitan Board of Perks" a byeword. And County Council

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THE PRESS OF LONDON.

WHILE the Press of London are very careful not to endorse any advertised remedy or patent invention, we have all along observed that articles of actual merit or new inventions from which the public are likely to be benefited are readily taken up and endorsed; while, on the other hand, advertised specialties, which do not bear actual value on the very face, are as readily taken up and exposed, as was the case recently when one of the leading society papers exposed many of the much-advertised quack medicines, greatly to the injury of unprincipled proprietors, but of incalculable benefit to the public.

When the public Press of London combine to throw the full light of intelligent investigation on any subject, the result that invariably follows is, the good comes to the top, the bad goes straight to the bottom. As an illustration of what the London Press think of one of the leading advertised articles we quote from the following:—

PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER.—"The season of rheumatism and chills having set in with all severity, it may be of advantage to know that St. Jacobs Oil is one of the very best lubricants to apply to rheumatic joints and sore throats, and in cases of neuralgia. The Charles A. Vogeler Company must have effected such innumerable cures and alleviated so much pain by means of St. Jacobs Oil as to be regarded as general benefactors."

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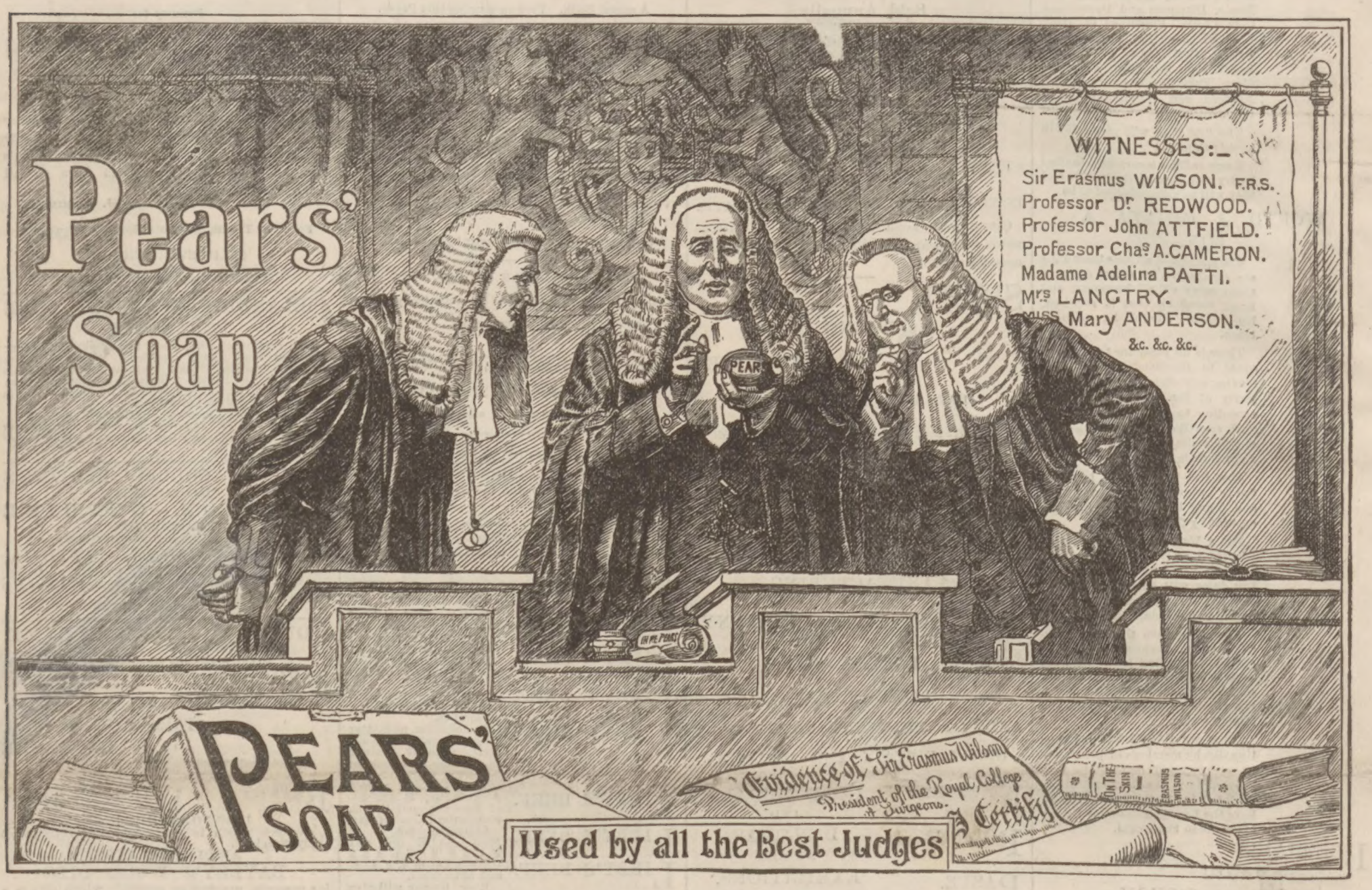

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